

## PREMATURE JOY-MAKING COST NATION HEAVILY

### WAR WORKERS STRAIN AT LEASH, MILLIONS WASTED.

#### David Lawrence Says Seniority Rule Causes Democrats' De- feat in Election.

(By David Lawrence.)  
Washington, Nov. 9.—(Copyright, N. Y. Evening Post.)—President Wilson himself will tell the people of the United States when an armistice has been signed or any other important developments have occurred relating to the close of the European war.

The White House so announces in order to quiet the panic that has reigned throughout government offices, shipyards and munitions factories as a result of the publication of a premature report of the signing of an armistice between Germany and the allies.

It is difficult to estimate the cost of Thursday's impromptu celebration. Work stopped on many government projects; millions of dollars' worth of time was wasted, and laborers everywhere, who believed their jobs would not be long lived, began a scurry for permanent employment.

The government seemed powerless to check the delirious celebration, and was, in fact, not disposed to do so because of the expectation that any minute might bring confirmation, which would warrant the expression of a nation's pent-up feeling. But the incident showed conclusively how unprepared the nation, and particularly the government, was for the transition period.

Contractors worried whether their contracts would be impaired and their loans and other obligations affected.

Volunteer workers strained at the leash to get back to accustomed occupations wherein they might enjoy normal incomes. Industrial dislocation seemed imminent.

Fortunately, there will be at least a few days in which to map out some kind of a policy.

In view of the democratization of the German navy and the riots and disorders back of the line, the present German government is probably eager to conclude any sort of an agreement that will strengthen its own hand with the people and keep their peace demands from growing into revolution and anarchy.

Thus the government here confidently expects hostilities to end within a short time, but no one will, of course, make any announcement to the effect until it is absolutely sure such a development has occurred.

**Poor Leadership.**  
"I am your servant and will accept your judgment without cavil," said President Wilson when he appealed to the country to return a democratic congress. They were uttered with the consciousness that the country might not agree with him, and the country has not.

Defeat is a bitter pill in politics, but it has its compensations. The principal among which is that the democratic party has been taught a lesson. Were the lesson of interest only to the party that has lost, it would be academic, but it concerns the party that has won.

Election day being over, opportunity is given for searching self-inspection. The democratic leaders themselves, for example, perhaps know better why they lost than their opponents can be sure why they were victorious.

And the democrats were swept from power because they did not abolish the odious system of seniority in the senate and house, whereby length of service, and not ability, determines the chairmanship

of committees that frame legislation. The republicans have been out of power six years and they now have a chance to capture the presidency in 1920 if they play their cards right and analyze the reasons why the democratic party failed. For whatever may be said about the foreign questions which seemed to Mr. Wilson paramount in his appeal for support, it is the consensus of opinion in democratic quarters that domestic and not foreign issues decided the election. Personal and local questions lost many congressmen. Republicans, of course, are saying the president's partisan appeal lost votes for the democrats.

Mr. Wilson's name was not on the ballot. The names of the individual senators and representatives, known intimately to each community, were before the voters. They were unable to recognize Mr. Wilson's appeal for an indirect vote of confidence. Nothing like it had ever been presented.

If the same men, however, are retained in control of the republican party in congress as were there in 1916 and 1917, the election of 1920 may show a reversal. If the republican party takes the initiative and abolishes seniority it will have accomplished a reform even more important than the ending of cloture rule in the senate.

Domestic problems of reconstruction, even in their natural relationship to foreign policy, were subordinated. The voters of the country were unwilling to believe the republican party would do anything to obstruct the president either in his conduct of the war or negotiation of a joint peace.

**G. O. P. Will Fall, Too.**  
The reputation of Mr. Wilson's leadership in the matter of suffrage showed where, who believed the democratic party was not a unit behind Mr. Wilson, and that helped to weaken the effect of the president's generous plea in behalf of men who had not supported him.

The democrats failed because of the seniority rule and poor leadership in congress. The republicans will fail for the same reason, unless they elect chairmen of committees and make those chairmen responsible to the membership of the party for their continuance in power.

**"MORNING AFTER"**  
Quiet Prevails in New York After a Night of Frenzied Joy Over Peace

New York, Nov. 9.—To-day was the "morning after" in New York City. After half a day and a night of frenzied joy, the city was beginning to feel the effects of an armistice by Germany, unusual quiet prevailed here to-day.

Revelers were trickling into their homes through streets littered with millions of scraps of paper and the remnants of countless horns and other noise-making devices.

The clamor of bells, whistles, horns and cheers which started at one o'clock yesterday afternoon, as hundreds of thousands went delirious with joy, lasted long into the night.

The New York City saw the biggest night in its history. All street vehicular traffic was stopped on Broadway from Thirteenth street to Fifty-ninth street because the crowds were so dense that nothing could break through.

Soldiers and sailors of many nationalities were showered with attentions by everyone. Women kissed them. Men lifted the ban on alcoholic refreshments and supplied them with champagne. The temper of the greatest throng in the city ever turned loose changed as the night wore on, and the news that the armistice was a fact was realized.

Most of the saloons in the city closed their doors at 9:30, voluntarily, and extra details of police were rushed to duty. The demonstration was not without its casualties. Two people were killed when they were trampled by the throng, and then before a street car. Many others were injured and bruised.

**SERBS CROSS DANUBE**  
Enter Hungary Amid Greatest Enthusiasm

London, Nov. 9.—Serbian troops have crossed the Danube into Hungary, where they have been received with the greatest enthusiasm, says an official statement issued by the Serbian war office Thursday.

The army will have to remain overseas for some time to come, even if an armistice is signed, the general said. Bringing the troops home will seriously strain the available shipping. And a part of the army, at least, will have to stay in France.

Gen. March had with him at the conference Maj.-Gen. Omar Bundy, recently recalled from France to assume command of Camp Pike.

Gen. March stated that when the armistice actually is accepted by Germany and is formally signed, the war department will make an official statement covering its plans both as to the withdrawal of troops from overseas, from cantonments, continuation of the draft, etc. But until the armistice is a fact, the army will continue to press the war in every way.

**Location of Units.**  
Replying to questions, Gen. March gave the following information regarding various units: The 35th division is with an artillery training division behind the lines in France; the 34th infantry is part of the Ninety-first division and is in Flanders; the 33rd field artillery is in training in Flanders; the 16th artillery brigade is part of the Thirty-seventh division, operating in Flanders; the 32nd field artillery is in training in France; the Ninety-first division is part of the British drive in Flanders; the Forty-third infantry is a replacement unit; the Thirty-eighth infantry is part of the Third division and on Oct. 21 to 23 was in action west of Meuse; the 14th infantry is now in Flanders; the Thirty-sixth division is with the French Fourth army.

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**FOR FALLEN U. S. SOLDIERS**  
Touching Ceremony at American Graves in France

Paris, Monday, Nov. 4.—A touching ceremony in memory of the fallen soldiers of the American army took place this afternoon at the American cemetery at Suresnes, seven miles northwest of Paris. The cortege was composed of many American officers and soldiers, Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus workers, the mayor and many of the civilian inhabitants of the locality. Graves of American soldiers were covered with flowers and flags during the afternoon.

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## LAST HUN ARTERY DEFINITELY CUT

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#### YANKS GAIN THIRTY MILES In Last Eight Days—10,000 Mile Occupied Area Re- duced to 2,500.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Capture of Maubeuge by the British, Gen. March said today, marks the definite severance of the last German artery to that sector of the west front and will make it impossible for the enemy to shift his forces to meet a new attack.

Summarizing the allied successes since the inauguration of the forward movement, Gen. March pointed out that the Germans have been driven sixty-four miles further from Paris and the territory they occupied in France has been reduced from 10,000 square miles to less than 2,500.

**Thirty Miles in Week.**  
The American first army under Gen. Pershing has advanced thirty miles in the last eight days.

Reorganization of the American expeditionary forces into two army groups has resulted in several changes in corps commanders. These include the following: First corps, Maj.-Gen. Jos. Dickman; second corps, Maj.-Gen. George W. Reed; third corps, Maj.-Gen. L. J. Hines; fourth corps, Maj.-Gen. Charles H. Muir; fifth corps, Maj.-Gen. C. P. Sumner; sixth corps, Maj.-Gen. Wm. M. Wright; seventh corps, Maj.-Gen. Chas. H. Mencher.

Gen. March characterized the nullification of the erroneous announcement of the armistice as "very bad for the military program of the United States."

For instance, he said, in New York the stevedores who were engaged in loading very essential supplies for the expeditionary force, stopped work and did not return at all on that day; on the next day, and army food shipments were thus delayed.

**100 Miles From Paris.**  
Reviewing the developments of the week at his regular conference today, the general explained that the German Valenciennes railway was cut in three places during the past week. As a result the Germans have no lines parallel with their front and only the lateral lines that radiate to the front.

The German battle line today, the general said, is now more than 100 miles from Paris.

The general said that the two divisions which are operating with the British in Belgium are the Thirty-seventh division, formerly of the national guard, and the Ninety-first division, formerly of the national guard.

Gen. Farnsworth commands the former and Maj.-Gen. Johnson the latter. **Remain Overseas.**

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## REVOLUTION AND CHAOS REIGN

### Disorder Spreads Throughout Germany From Coast Cities.

#### GENERAL RAILROAD STRIKE

Kurt Eisner, Newspaper Man, and Socialist Leader of Revolution in Bavarian Capital.

Amsterdam, Nov. 9.—(I. N. S.)—Chaos and revolution are spreading inland through Germany from the coast, said advices from a German source today.

At Munich, where the council of workmen, soldiers and peasants has proclaimed a republic, Kurt Eisner, president of the Bavarian diet, is reported to have co-operated with the anti-dynastic forces, volunteering to help secure peace along the line of the principles laid down by President Wilson, to work for a league of nations and to try to prevent the invasion of Germany through the Bavarian frontier.

**DROPS DEAD IN HIS HOME**  
Robert J. Collier Dies While Relating of Experiences on Western Front

New York, Nov. 9.—While seated at the dinner table relating his experiences on the western battle front, Robert J. Collier, editor and publisher of Collier's Weekly, dropped dead of heart disease in his home here last night. He was 42 years old.

Since last July Mr. Collier had been at the front with the American armies in France, writing articles and directing the work of his correspondents. He arrived in this country only a few hours before his death.

Friends attribute his weak heart to strenuous outdoor and magazine work, while his physician says his death was partly due to a reaction from a serious illness in 1914.

Mr. Collier probably will be buried at Wickliffe, N. J., Monday.

**Poles Revolt.**  
London, Nov. 9.—(I. N. S.)—The population of the Polish province of Ploce has revolted and in the fighting that followed many persons were killed, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich today.

The Germans shot the leaders of the movement and deported the whole male population towards Germany.

**FELL ON FIELDS OF FRANCE**  
Eleven Knoxville Boys Have Made Supreme Sacrifice for Their Country.

Knoxville, Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Eleven more Knoxville boys have made the supreme sacrifice in France, according to information received by relatives here. They are:

Lieut. Hugh V. Eckel, 117th Infantry, who, although at the head of a junior class of the University of Tennessee and a most brilliant student, left his studies to go to war was declared, to enlist in the army.

Sergeant Thomas D. Adcock, 120th Infantry, who was killed Sept. 29 when the Old Hickory division went over the top.

Private A. W. Gibbons, 120th Infantry, who was also killed on Sept. 29. He enlisted in the Third Tennessee at the beginning of the war, but was later transferred.

Sergeant Arthur G. Evans, 306th ammunition train, whose home was at Bearden, a suburb of Knoxville.

John A. Langford, who at one time operated a taxicab business here. He was a mechanic in the army.

Lieut. Ballard C. Lynch, senior surgeon of the third battalion, 314th Infantry, killed Sept. 29, when the hospital station in which he was attending the wounded was shelled by the Germans. He was formerly senior intern at the Knoxville general hospital.

He was born at Tazewell, and was a student of the University of Tennessee and graduate of the Louisville medical college.

Ralph E. John Sweet and E. E. Johnson, of the 117th Infantry, were killed in the period of fighting between Oct. 1 and 10. Privates Boles and Johnson formerly lived at Fountain City, suburb of Knoxville.

Sergeant Richard Dickson, whose name appears in Saturday's casualty list, went over the top with the 117th Infantry about Oct. 10.

Sergeant Hugh Luttrell was killed in action while searching German prisoners.

## CLEARER CONCEPTION OF PENDING PROBLEMS

### LABOR'S PART IN RECON- STRUCTION STRESSED.

#### Gompers Brings Back Message From Overseas—Warns Not to Slacken Energies.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Labor and capital in Chicago today have a clearer conception of national and international problems of reconstruction, with particular emphasis upon the part labor is to play in the rebuilding of the world that will follow the end of the war, as a result of the address delivered here by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

With the experiences of his recent mission to Europe still fresh in mind, Gompers spoke vividly of the opportunities the war has given labor to demonstrate its power. He declared the labor mission to Europe had proved the power of organization to European working men and had proved to American labor the power it possesses.

Gompers warned against any slackening of America's democratic energies and declared that unless the principles of democracy are applied to everyday life as well as our national life, the power of democracy will be lost.

The veteran head of America's greatest labor organization withheld specific discussion of the results of his European mission, but asserted that the visit abroad had given Europeans and particularly European labor a definite understanding that American labor is solidly behind the war.

**CORN CROP FORECAST**  
Washington, Nov. 8.—Corn production this year will be 2,749,195,000 bushels, the department of agriculture today announced in its November crop report, giving the preliminary estimate of the crop.

**MORGENTHAU TO LECTURE**  
Former Ambassador to Turkey Will Speak in Knoxville Wednesday.

Knoxville, Nov. 9.—Special. Henry G. Morgenthau, formerly ambassador to Turkey from the United States, will deliver an address at a patriotic mass meeting here next Wednesday night. He will relate his experiences with the Turkish government, and he is expected to make startling revelations of Hun cruelty and Turkish lawlessness.

Two mass meetings will be held in Knoxville Sunday, besides meetings in communities in the interest of the united war fund campaign.

**MRS. STOKES RELEASED**  
New York, Nov. 9.—Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of illegal registration, was discharged today. The court ruled that her conviction in Kansas did not deprive her of her citizenship in New York.

**SHEFFIELD MOB AROUSED**  
Sheffield, Ala., Nov. 9.—Following the arrest of three negroes, Henry Williams, George Whiteside and Charley Hamilton, by Police Chief Weatherbee, of Sheffield, and their reported confession of the murder of Policeman John Graham Thursday, public indignation is running high and mob violence is feared by officials.

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